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Miwas to Return to Hawaiian Homeland

Family to Leave During August

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Mrs. Ralph Miwa, 1515 St. Christopher St., is finding that returning to her homeland of Hawaii with her husband and children is at once both a happy and a sad occasion.

Her husband, Dr. Ralph Miwa, who has been an associate professor of political science at the University for the past four years, will begin teaching this fall at his alma mater, the University of Hawaii. He and Mrs. Miwa, and their children, Colin, five, and Lani-Ann, two, will leave Columbia after the close of summer session.

"WE HAVE MADE so many close friends here," Mrs. Miwa said. "Some of them are closer to us than blood relation." Although she hates to say goodbye to these friends, the prospect of once again living near her family brings undeniable happiness.

Dr. and Mrs. Miwa were born and reared in Hawaii. They received bachelor degrees from the University of Hawaii. — Mrs. Miwa in education and music. Dr. Miwa also received his master's degree from that university.

They were married in 1951 and that year came to the United States. In 1953 Dr. Miwa received his doctorate at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

He then taught for one year at St. Johns College, Annapolis, under Ford Foundation sponsorship. In 1955, they moved to Washington, D. C., where Dr. Miwa was employed by the Central Intelligence Agency until he joined the University of Missouri faculty.

MRS. MIWA says her husband came to the University of Missouri because of the freedom he was allowed in choosing his own material and his own manner of teaching. He regrets leaving his students, she said, particularly those who were working for their doctorate degrees under his guidance.

An interesting sidelight to Dr. Miwa's connection with Missouri is that during World War II he served as an interpreter for an outfit made up partly of this state's national guard unit.

Lani-Ann (Lani means "heavenly"), was born in Boone County Hospital in 1959, and her relatives in Hawaii will see her the first time next month. Colin went with his parents to Hawaii when he was one-and-a-half years old. He was born in the nation's capital in 1956.

DR. AND MRS. MIWA are happy that their homeland is



WOODEN BOWLS MADE by prisoners on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, are examined by Mrs. Ralph Miwa and her children, Lani-Ann, left, and Colin. The bowls, made of monkeypod wood and Koa wood, are part of the rehabilitation

program of the prison. Mrs. Miwa, her husband, Dr. Ralph Miwa, and their children are leaving next month to live in Hawaii, where Dr. Miwa will be on the faculty of the University of Hawaii. (Missourian Photo)

now the 50th state. "At least we are getting back something of what we give to the government," Mrs. Miwa said. Taxation without representation understandably irked the Hawaiians as much as it did our Colonial forefathers.

One of the new federal benefits to the islands is the East-West Institute in Honolulu. Set up for graduate students on an idea-exchange basis, the institute is using the facilities of the University of Hawaii until its own are developed. Dr. Miwa will be among the University of Hawaii professors instructing at the institute.

Mrs. Miwa is looking forward to raising her children in Hawaii. "There is no more ideal place to raise children," she said. Mrs. Miwa enjoys being able to cook with the great variety of fruits and vegetables to be found on the islands. She also commented on the various types of food—running the gamut from Italian through Japanese. Still, she said, her favorite food is steak.

THE MIWA'S will stay with their family at first (Dr. Miwa has eight brothers and sisters in Hawaii), but hope to move into a home of their own as soon as possible. "Real estate is expensive," Mrs. Miwa said, "because land is at a premium. Otherwise, living there is not so much more expensive than here." Her mother sends her the Honolulu papers and comparing the grocery prices with Columbia's she finds they are about the same.

His parents hope to enroll Colin in the University of Hawaii laboratory school, "but like the

one here, it can't accommodate all who would like to attend," Mrs. Miwa said. Colin at first hated to leave his friends in Columbia, but is now looking forward to the year-round swimming possible in his future home. An energetic and obedient child, he seems constantly aware of what is happening about him she said.

HIS TALENT for sketching and painting is no doubt influenced by the various art ob-

jects in the Miwa home. Of particular interest were two antique Japanese scrolls and several paintings of horses by Japanese artists.

All the Miwa possessions will be taken by van to San Francisco, where the van—minus wheels—will be taken aboard a ship to Hawaii.

The Miwa's will drive from here to the West Coast, arriving by Aug. 9. They will leave San Francisco either Aug. 12 by airplane or Aug. 19 by ship.